

**Adjourned Meeting of the Board
Ferry County Commissioners
Monday March 14, 2016**

The meeting was opened at 9:00 AM by Commissioner Davis with Commissioner Blankenship present. Commissioner Miller was absent.

Changes and Additions to the Agenda

Public Works Update was added to the Agenda.

Miss Republic Royalty Update was added to the Agenda.

Eagle Track Update was added to the Agenda.

A wolf update was added to the Agenda.

A Sheriff Update was added to the Agenda.

Eagle Track Update

Eagle Track President Keith Jolin came before the Board to give an update. Dawn McGeough, Dan Olsen, Larry Beardslee, Wendy Braun, Darcy Dougherty, Raymond Vipperman, Darren Smith, Ed Durocher, Barbara Bradshaw, Mark and Monica McDaniel and Monty Betcher were present.

Mr. Jolin presented the BOCC with a packet on the race track. Mr. Jolin reported that Daniel Stillings roped off an area by the Eagle race track for an ORV track. Mr. Jolin said that the roped off area is cutting off access to the snack shack, part of the race track. Mr. Jolin stated Mr. Stillings was driving dangerously fast and a police report was filed. Commissioner Blankenship stated that the BOCC has not given Mr. Stillings permission to start an ORV track or make changes to the Eagle Track. Ms. Dougherty reported that some of the land disturbed was gun club land. Mr. Vipperman asked the BOCC for permission to pull out the stakes that Mr. Stillings put in. Commissioner Blankenship asked Mr. Jolin to call in to the BOCC before 4:00 PM for further instructions before pulling out the stakes.

A copy of the packet is in the file. (Ex.#1)

The sign in sheet is in the file. (Ex.#2)

Pledge of Allegiance

The Board took a recess at 9:20 AM and reopened at 9:30 AM. Commissioner Davis left to attend a Canvassing Board Meeting for 10 minutes.

Board Reports

Commissioner Miller

Commissioner Miller was absent.

Commissioner Davis

Commissioner Davis attended a Ferry County Commissioners Working Session for Forest Plan Revision and Wolves. Commissioner Davis attended a Housing Authority Board Meeting. The Housing Authority Board worked on paperwork to turn over the San Poil Properties to Rural Resources. There was discussion on inspecting properties, damages to properties, and making the tenant responsible for certain damages. Commissioner Davis stated that rent costs were discussed and rent can go down, but not up. Commissioner Davis attended a Natural Resource Board Meeting (NRB) on Monday. Commissioner Davis received a call concerning the Silver Creek rock slide.

Commissioner Blankenship

Commissioner Blankenship attended a Ferry County Commissioners Working Session. Commissioner Blankenship received calls concerning the Barnaby Creek rock slide, and a Methamphetamine issue. Commissioner Blankenship had a conversation about the Ferry County Fair and how it's operating. Commissioner Blankenship attended a Tri County Motorized Recreation Association Meeting.

Wolf Update

Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFD) Steve Pozzanghera and WDFD Wolf Policy Lead Donny Martorella came before the Board (via conference call) concerning wolves. Assembly Member Bob Platt was present. Mr. Pozzanghera reported that there is a Wolf Advisory Meeting today at 12:00 PM, there will be a presentation. Mr. Pozzanghera stated that a video presentation will be made available after the meeting. Mr. Pozzanghera reported that in 2015 there were 90 statewide confirmed wolves, which was up 32% from 68 wolves in 2014. Washington State documented breeding pairs in 2015 were 8, up from 5 in 2014. There are 15 packs in the Eastern Washington Recovery Region, 14 of the 15 are in northeast Washington. There are 3 packs on the Colville reservation; Strawberry Pack (4 wolves) was not a successful breeding pair, White Stone Pack (2 wolves) was not a successful breeding pair, and the Nc'icn Pack (5 wolves) was not a successful breeding pair. The Profanity Peak Pack (7 wolves) was a successful breeding pack for 2015. The Beaver Pack (2 wolves) was not a successful breeding pair.

Commissioner Davis asked Mr. Pozzanghera about the collared wolves and part of what pack they are a part of. Mr. Martorella reported that there are 22 radio collared wolves from 13 packs. Two of the active collars are in the Profanity Creek Pack. Mr. Martorella stated that he can provide all of this information in hard copy if necessary. Commissioner Davis stated that it wasn't necessary. Mr. Pozzanghera reported that there were 8 successful breeding pairs, one of which is the Profanity Peak Pack. Statewide 2014 depredations were; 4 sheep, 2 cattle and a dog. Statewide 2015 depredations were; 7 cattle and 1 dog. There were no known depredations within the 5 packs in Ferry County. There was 1 wolf mortality in the Profanity Peak Pack and 1 in the Nc'icn Pack. Mr. Martorella stated that the Profanity Peak death might have been connected with the fires. Mr. Platt stated that the information showed that our pack numbers are going up.

Legislative Report Pott's & Associates

Lobbyist Zak Kennedy came before the Board (via conference call) to give an update. Assembly Member Bob Platt, Kimberly Charles and Ken Muggli were present. Discussion was held on the livestock retrieval bill, fire bill, and the Senate's budget. Commissioner Blankenship asked about the Public records request bill. Mr. Kennedy stated that it was not happening this year, maybe next year. Discussion was held on Public Records requests.

Forest Service Introduction and Update

District Ranger Mike Herrin came before the Board to introduce himself. Assembly Member Bob Platt, Motorized Trail and Recreation (MTR) President Stan Christie, MTR Member Ken Muggli and Community Member Kimberly Charles were present. Conservation District Manager Lloyd Odell arrived at 11:30 AM.

Discussion was held on the Marcus to Marble Mount/Old Stage Coach Road quit claim deed. Discussion was held on ATV's having access to Forest Service roads. Mr. Herrin stated that the use of ATV's on Forest Service roads is a national policy not a Washington state policy. Mr. Herrin stated that he doesn't see why it's illegal in Washington, when it's legal in Montana. Discussion was held on cutting the burned trees as firewood. Mr. Herrin stated that some of the forest service roads are closed to remove hazard trees so it's safe for people again; also some of the culverts were taken out. Discussion was held on the burned trees on White Mountain from the 1989 fire. Discussion was held on logging burned trees to help thin out all of the dead trees. Mr. Platt asked if it was true that the Forest Service has to coordinate with the Commissioners. Mr. Herrin stated that he is here to coordinate with the commissioners.

Discussion was held on old forest service maps, Commissioner Davis stated that the county paid \$400 in a public records request to the forest service to get the maps. Discussion was held on timber sales. Discussion was held on Forest Service Policy. WATV license plates were discussed. Discussion was held on Travel Management. Discussion was held on North East Washington Counties (NEWC). Discussion was held on coordination with the Colville Tribes. Mr. Herrin stated that it would be good to coordinate with the Tribe to help them reopen the Omak sawmill. Logs from Ferry County could go to their mill. Commissioner Davis stated that there will be a meeting with the tribe on the 29th of March. Mr. Herrin stated that he is here to work with us. Discussion was held on crosscut saws versus power saws. Mr. Odell stated that crosscut saws make it too difficult to opens up trails. Mr. Herrin stated that he would like to come in and give monthly updates to the Board.

Consent & Vouchers

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the Washington State Military Department Homeland Security Grant Agreement (Stonegarden Project). Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Miller was absent.

A signed copy of the Department Washington State Military Homeland Security Grant Agreement (Stonegarden Project) is in the file. (Ex.#3)

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the contract BETWEEN The Washington State Conservation Commission and Ferry County. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Miller was absent.

A signed copy of Contract No. K1643 BETWEEN The Washington State Conservation Commission AND Ferry County. (Ex.#4)

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Miller was absent.

A signed copy of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Between Ferry County and Ferry Conservation District for VSP is in the file. (Ex.#5)

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-05 Decreasing Ferry County Treasurers Change Fund. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Miller was absent. (Ex.#6)

Funds from CE Mis. Non-Department in the amount of \$100,000.00 to Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$100,000.00 has been approved for transfer. (Ex.#7)

Counter Offer Addendum to Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement for a Housing Authority Property was signed by the Chairman. (Ex.#8)

Lunch

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:00 PM and reconvened at 1:00 PM.

Fairgrounds Usage

Fairgrounds Manager Wayne Egner, WSU 4-H Coordinator Tonia Jordan and Tech Wizards Coordinator Justilynn Van Wyk came before the Board to discuss rental fees. Community Member Kimberly Charles was present. Discussion was held on 4-H using the fairgrounds free of charge. Discussion was held on people coming before the Board to request a waiver to use the fairgrounds free of charge. Discussion was held on the plans for the new horse barn roof. Mr. Egner reported that a county engineer needs to sign off on the design. Mr. Egner reported that the engineer will charge \$100 an hour. Commissioner Blankenship stated that it may need to be paid out of the rental funds from the fires. Mr. Charles reported that there may be a Back to Basics Fair in September to try to bring in some tourism revenues.

Courthouse Lighting Discussion

Superior Court Clerk Jean Booher came before the Board to discuss the Courthouse lighting. Ms. Booher reported that none of the outside lights are working. Ms. Booher expressed concern with poor lighting when court gets out after dark. Ms. Booher stated that it's a security/safety issue since the lights are mounted above the outside stairs and wheelchair ramp. Commissioner Davis stated that we may need to hire an electrician if it's an electrical problem. Ms. Booher reported that the light above the court room vestibule goes off all the time.

Tax Refund Discussion

Ferry County Assessor Rachel Siracuse and Ferry County Treasurer Rochelle Rodak came before the Board to give an update on tax refund. Discussion was held on tax refunds. Some counties are asking to lengthen the refund time; Ms. Siracuse is asking to keep it at 3 years. Ms. Siracuse presented the Board with a sample copy of an Okanogan County Resolution. Ms. Siracuse will be putting together a resolution to keep the refund time at 3 years; to be signed on Monday March 21st.

Ms. Siracuse was concerned with the use of harsh chemicals in the courthouse bathrooms. The Board stated that the new exhaust fan should help with the smell. Discussion was held on possibly changing the time of day the bathroom is cleaned, or the types of cleaners used.

A copy of the sample resolution is in the file. (Ex.#9)

Forest Plan Revision Letter Discussion

Clerk of the Board Amanda Rowton received direction on a letter to the Forest Service concerning copies of the Forest Plan Revision Draft, and possibly extending the 90 day comment period.

E911 Request for Transfer of Funds

E911 Coordinator Karin Hall and Chief Deputy Auditor Joyce Schertenleib came before the Board to discuss a transfer of funds. Ms. Schertenleib reported that the budget has to be amended before the insurance premiums are due. \$100,000 needs to be transferred to pay for the new E911 phone system. Ms. Schertenleib stated that the money is reimbursable.

Sheriff Update

Discussion was held on a noise ordinance request in Orient. Discussion was held on a seized property. Discussion was held on State Patrol vs. Fry. Commissioner Blankenship asked Sheriff Maycumber to put together a statement on the subject for upcoming Interlocal Agreement conversations.

Public Works Update

Public Works Controller Sharon Sattler and Engineer Bob Breshears came before the Board to give an update on road conditions. Ms. Sattler presented the Board with pictures of the rock slides on the Inchelium Highway and on the Silver Creek Road. Discussion was held on the extent of the damage from the rock slides. Ms. Sattler reported that the Silver Creek Road is open to single lane traffic (for local use only) and Inchelium Highway is open again. Discussion was held on Silver Creek road maintenance. Discussion was held on the racetrack lease with the county.

Pictures of the rock slides are in the file. (Ex.#10)

Miss Republic Royalty Update

Miss Republic Royalty Advisor Patty Slagle came before the Board to give an update. Ms. Slagle reported on some of the purchases made in 2015 for Miss Republic Royalty. Discussion was held on 2016 Royalty funding. Miss Republic Queen Erica Ricard and Miss Republic Princess Krystiana Fraser introduced themselves to the Board.

Minutes

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for March 7, 2016. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Miller was absent.

Commissioner Blankenship made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for March 8, 2016. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Miller was absent.

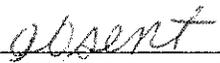
Unfinished Business

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.

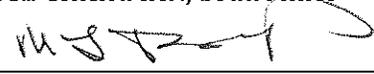
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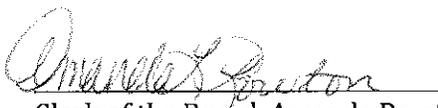


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MEMBER, Mike Blankenship

ATTEST:



Clerk of the Board, Amanda Rowton